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October 22, 2026

Pro-D Day

A reminder that **Friday, October 23rd** is a Professional Development Day in West Vancouver and schools will be closed for students as our staff attend learning and development sessions.

West Vancouver Schools Admissions

Admissions for the 2027/2028 school year opened on **Thursday October 15th at 8:00 am** for all Kindergarten students and all Grade 1 –12 in-catchment students. Admissions for Out-of-Catchment and Out-of-District students will open in January.

For more information about admissions processes, dates, guidelines, and information, please visit https://westvancouverschools.ca/admissions/ Please carefully read the information regarding documentation procedures before starting the application process. If you have questions regarding the admissions process, please contact Ms. Pistilli in the school office at mapistilli@wvschools.ca .

Current families attending Gleneagles and Lions Bay schools, need not re-apply for next school year unless you are planning to move schools. *(Grade 3 and 7 students who are transitioning to one of our feeder schools (GEC or Rockridge) do not need to apply online).* Thank you.

Feeding Futures

As part of the Ministry of Education and Childcare Feeding Futures initiative, the West Vancouver School District has established a food security structure to confidentially assist students and families. The West

Vancouver School District Food Security Plan will help students and families by providing confidential financial support for families facing food insecurity. Families are encouraged to reach out directly to Christine Hulme or to feedingfutures@wvschools.ca if they need support with food-related costs. Please be assured that all requests will be addressed with sensitivity, respect, and confidentiality.

GLENEAGLES NEWS

The Great Pumpkin Raffle



Halloween is coming up soon and kids at Gleneagles are invited to enter the "Great Pumpkin Raffle" to win a large pumpkin that they can bring home! Tickets are $1.00 each and will be sold during lunch time on Monday and Tuesday. Students must guess the weight of our pumpkin and the closest estimate will win! We will draw the winner on **Wednesday, October 28th** so that the pumpkin will be home in time for Halloween.

All proceeds from the pumpkin raffle will support our grade 7 legacy gift fundraising.
Thank you!

It's Almost Halloween!

As Halloween gets closer, we want to send out some reminders for parents regarding student costumes. All students are welcome to come to school in costume on **Friday, October 30th**, keeping the guidelines below in mind.

Please adhere to the following guidelines around costumes:

- Students should arrive at school in costume; no changing should be required
- Students should be comfortable in their costume choice and not restricted by their clothing. Clothing should not interfere with student learning or movement.
- NO accessories of any kind are permitted (no wands, swords, weapons or other handheld items)
- Makeup must be kept to a minimum; consider a 'paired down' version of your child's costume
- NO costume masks are permitted, children's faces should be visible
- Costumes should be school appropriate for K to 7; and should be culturally respectful

Classrooms will be hosting a variety of activities related to Halloween:

- At Gleneagles, all classes will continue with their tradition of parading; beginning at 9:00am, Primary classes will begin the parade as they will wind through our Intermediate classrooms and then out via the friendship deck, around the gravel field. If it's raining, we'll stick to the undercover areas. **Parents are welcome to watch the ghouls as they walk by on the field!**
- ***Parents are reminded that videos and photos are permitted but are asked to not post publicly online.***
- Please check in with your child's classroom teacher if you are unsure of costumes. We are looking forward to a fun-filled day!

Following Halloween, we ask families to use discretion in sending candy to school. We encourage students to bring a healthy snack and nutritious lunch each day. Candy should be enjoyed at home; a reminder that no sharing of treats or food is permitted amongst students. Thank you for following this effort to enjoy our Halloween treats in moderation and prepare our students in the best way possible for learning at school.

In-School Dance Program – save the date!

Gleneagles is looking forward to an in-school dance program during the week of **November 2 to 6**, facilitated by a dance instructor from DancePl3Y Inc. DancePl3y's positive coaching philosophy helps kids learn simple moves from a variety of dance styles. Students will be divided into grade groups for their dance sessions and will have several sessions throughout the week, culminating in **a school-wide Dance Celebration on Friday, November 6th. Parents are invited to come out and watch the show on the afternoon of November 6 (time to be confirmed).**

There is no cost for this dance program, thanks to the generous funding provided by our GEC PAC. Thank you!

GEC Garden Needs Your Help!

GEC parent, Jenny Clark, has single-handedly managed the Gleneagles garden for several years and is looking to be joined by and/or hand over duties to a group of parents.

Jenny has done a fantastic job managing and planning for six raised garden beds above the playground and the sunflower border at the bottom of the school along Marine Drive. There is also scope to coordinate with the teachers and get the kids involved in planting and gardening.

We need your help! If you are interested in getting involved in the gardening fun, please contact Jenny Clark as soon as possible at 778-997-7955/ jennyclark.rmt@gmail.com. Thank you!

Traffic Safety

A reminder for parents who are dropping off and/or picking up students at school to please respect the traffic laws in a school zone. We have been experiencing many U-turns on Marine Drive during these times and this is strictly prohibited. Your attention to this is greatly appreciated!



Traffic Don'ts:

- Park in drop off/pick up lanes (drive through only)
- U-turn on Marine Drive or in any school zone
- Park in staff parking spots
- Pass the school bus unless safe to do so
- There is no parking along Keith, on Roseberry (this is for residents only), in the traffic circles, in front of the gates, or in the bus stop area.

Thank you for your co-operation.

LIONS BAY NEWS

Halloween

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Classrooms will be hosting a variety of activities related to Halloween:

- **At Lions Bay,** students will parade shortly after drop-off at 8:45 am. Parents are welcome to stay and watch – the parade will start at the school and head up the driveway. In case of heavy rain, the parade will head up to the gym. Halloween craft and game stations will be held between recess and lunch, **please email Ms. Ohlhauser if you would like to volunteer to lead a station along with a Grade 3 student between 10:45 and 12:00.** 🎃
- ***Parents are reminded that videos and photos are permitted but are asked to <u>not post publicly online.</u>***
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Hot Lunch

<u>Friendly Reminders</u>

- **Date change** - The butter chicken hot lunch will be served on **Monday, Oct. 26** to accommodate the all-day field trip to the Aquarium that the students went on this week.
- Please remember to pack utensils as appropriate on hot lunch days
- Please reach out if you have food allergies as we may be able to accommodate you
- Ordering closes ONE WEEK prior to the hot lunch

<u>Volunteers</u>

TIME CHANGE: Please note - sushi pickup time at Gleneagles has been changed from 11:45 to 11:55.

We are still looking to fill two more dates. Please sign up here if you can volunteer. Thank you!

- Thursday, November 5: sushi delivery
- Wednesday, December 2: cheese quesadilla

You can reach Alison at aloufischer@gmail.com or 604-619-853 or Mikhaela at davidandmikhaela@gmail.com or 780-965-4494 if you need any assistance.

PAC Movie Night and PAC Meeting



In line with our province and village, our students **voted** anonymously on what the movie will be!

Aquarium Fieldtrip

We had a great day visiting the Aquarium! Highlights include the axolotls, the hands-on moments with a gecko, jellies and sea cucumbers, the sea lion flips and waves and all the pretty fish.





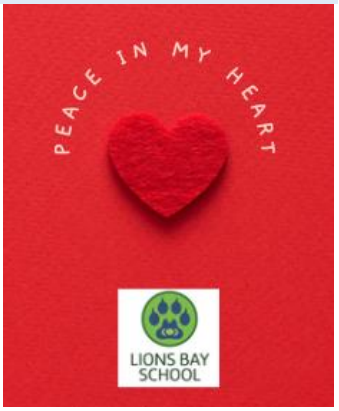






Save the Date

Families are invited to the Lions Bay and Gleneagles combined Remembrance Day ceremony in the Gym at Gleneagles on **Tuesday, November 10th at 11 am.** Our students will be singing the song "Peace in my Heart".



DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday, October 23rd	**Pro-D Day (school not in session)**
Tuesday, October 27th	Volleyball game, 3:30 pm
Wednesday, October 28th	Owl presentations, grades 1 to 3 at GEC
Friday, October 30th	Halloween recognized at school
November 2 to 6	In-school dance program at Gleneagles
Tuesday, November 3rd	Volleyball game, 3:30 pm
Thursday, November 5th	Photo retakes at GEC, 9:00 am
Tuesday, November 10th	Remembrance Day assembly at GEC, 11:00 am
Wednesday, November 11th	**Remembrance Day Holiday (school not in session)**

COMMUNITY NEWS

Lions Bay Halloween Event



Rockridge Secondary Pumpkin Sale



NEW IYP Program - Cyber-Security and AI Explorers

West Vancouver Schools is excited to be running a new IYP program called "Cyber-Security and AI Explorers". Our pilot offering of this program is for West Vancouver School students who are currently in Grade 7 or 8. The program will begin on November 19th and will run on Thursday afternoons from 3:30 to 4:45 until March 11th, 2027. There will be no sessions during Winter Break. The cost for this is $300.00.

Sessions will take place in one of the computer labs at West Van Secondary. Students will be taught by West Vancouver Schools teaching staff and mentored by senior students in the district's CS/QC/AI class.

Students will explore concepts in Artificial Intelligence, Cyber-Safety and Security through activities, labs and games. There may be an opportunity for an optional hackathon that students can choose to participate in.

For more information or questions, contact Ms. Wilson at cwilson@wvschools.ca

To register, please fill out this form.

Fun and Safe Halloween reminders

Halloween is just a week away! As students get ready for school celebrations and trick-or-treating, West Vancouver Schools reminds families to keep safety and respect for others part of the fun.

At school:

Student costumes must allow for safe movement, participation in learning activities and independence during the school day.
Please leave masks, costume weapons and excessive make up at home.
Costume choices should be respectful and align with our school and District Codes of Conduct to help ensure Halloween is safe, welcoming and enjoyable for everyone

In the community:
The WVPD has asked us to remind families to please reinforce respect for neighbours, private property and community spaces.
We encourage children and youth to celebrate responsibly and demonstrate the kindness, courtesy, and respect that help make our community a safe and enjoyable place for everyone.

Thank you for helping students celebrate Halloween safely, respectfully and responsibly.